



## BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Traffic Crash-Vehicle vs. Pedestrian, Fatal	February 6, 2012 1:03 PM	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
12BU03183	Barrett Street At Colchester Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer L. Werner	802-540-2314	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
DC Andi L. Higbee		
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Bruce Lapointe	63	Winooski
VICTIM DISPOSITION:		
Deceased		
OPERATOR:	AGE:	ADDRESS:
Michael Sears	60	Shelburne

### **UPDATE TO PREVIOUS RELEASES:**

On February 6, 2012, at approximately 1:03 pm, Burlington Police and Fire were summoned to a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian on Barrett Street at Colchester Avenue.

The operator of a Ford pickup truck, Mr. Michael Sears, of Shelburne, had just entered Burlington from Winooski and was turning east when he struck the pedestrian that was crossing the intersection. The pedestrian, Mr. Bruce Lapointe, had been walking on the Colchester Avenue sidewalk and was headed toward Winooski. Mr. Lapointe was in the crosswalk when he was struck by the Ford pickup truck.

Mr. Lapointe died last night at the FAHC at approximately 8:43 pm (February 15, 2012). Mr. Lapointe had remained at FAHC since the date of the crash. It is likely that Mr. Lapointe died as a result of the injuries sustained during this crash but we will await the results of an autopsy that was scheduled for today at 11:00 am for finality of the cause of his death.

Preliminarily, it is not believed that speed, alcohol or drugs played a role in this crash. The crash remains under investigation and is being conducted by a Burlington Police Department Accident Re-constructionist, Corporal Michael Hemond along with Burlington Police Officer Leanne Werner. We will await the results of the autopsy and then compile all the available information to determine if any charges are warranted.

*Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember*

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;  
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*